

# History may be a guide

## **Historical perspective**

## 5-year periods

Segments are one diversification approach available in Investment Edge $^{\circ}$  that can help you lower your overall costs and partially protect your investment.

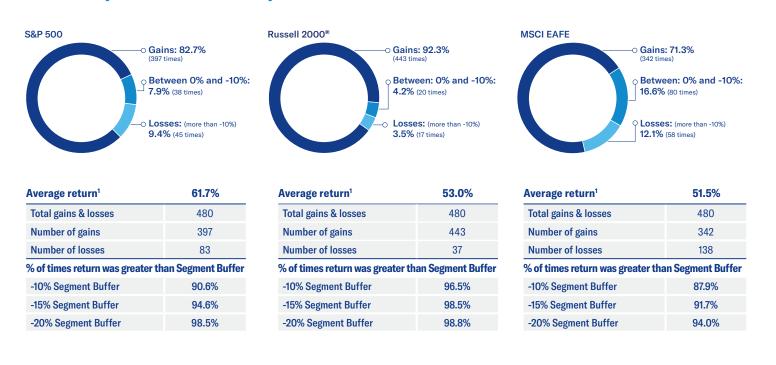
Let's check out how these indices have performed historically. Here, we see returns of 5-year periods on a rolling monthly basis (e.g., Jan–Jan, Feb–Feb) and how frequently losses have occurred. The Segment Buffer is available up to -20% and stays at a constant level for the 5-year period.

For instance, if there's a -10% buffer and the given index declines by 8% during the time period, then the investment would be completely protected. If the index were to decline by 12%, the investment would incur only a 2% loss.



There are no portfolio-level expenses for amounts invested in Segments.

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You are protected against some downside risk, but if the negative return is in excess of the Segment Buffer, there could be substantial loss of principal because you agree to absorb all losses to the extent they exceed the protection provided. The contract fee will be deducted from your index performance rate or Performance Cap Rate, where applicable, which could result in receiving less than your Segment Investment.

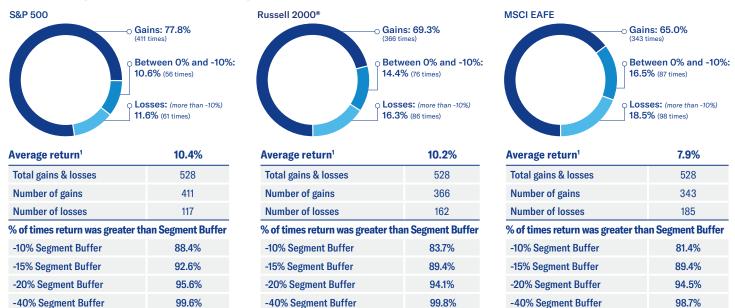
Please note that due to spacing constraints, the index names in the chart above may have been abbreviated. For full index names, please refer to the reverse side. This data does not represent the performance of any specific investment. Please see the back page for additional important information and footnote references.

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